

REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated February 24, 2009 holds that this application contains claims directed to twelve patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups/species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Species I - Figures 2 and 5;
- Species II - Figures 2 and 6;
- Species III- Figures 2 and 7;
- Species IV - Figures 2 and 8;
- Species V - Figures 3 and 5;
- Species VI - Figures 3 and 6;
- Species VII - Figures 3 and 7;
- Species VIII - Figures 3 and 8;
- Species IX - Figures 4 and 5;
- Species X - Figures 4 and 6;
- Species XI - Figures 4 and 7; and
- Species XII - Figures 4 and 8.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species I illustrated in Figures 2 and 5 without traverse. Applicant believes that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and those embodiments of claims 9 and 10 that depend on claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 read on Figures 2 and 5.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and those embodiments of claims 9 and 10 that depend on claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 because they read on the elected species shown in Figures 2 and 5. Claims 3 and 6-8 are believed to be directed to a non-

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elected embodiment. Thus, these claims can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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